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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR SECTION 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE - GROUP 1641****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Yasuo Yamao, et al.

Serial No.: 09/511,824

Filed: February 24, 2000

For: **IMMUNOASSAY METHOD FOR  
LYSED WHOLE BLOOD**

Examiner: G. Gabel

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Irvine, California 92614

**RULE 116 AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of October 24, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend Claim 9 as follows:

- 1 9. (Thrice Amended) An immunoassay method of quantifying a predetermined antigen  
2 in a sample of whole blood, comprising the steps of:  
3 providing a sample of the whole blood;  
4 adding a hemolysis reagent to the sample of the whole blood to hemolyse the  
5 blood corpuscles;

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